

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 were allowed in the Notice of Allowability mailed on December 17, 2004.

REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification is made to correct an inadvertent typographical error in a reference number, and to be consistent with the drawings filed in the application.

Specifically, the interleavers of Fig. 3 have now been identified by reference numbers "310", "312" and "314" in paragraph [0030] of the specification, and in the enclosed formal drawing Fig. 3.

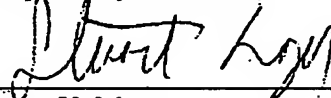
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that Claims 1-28 remain in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

FEES

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,



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